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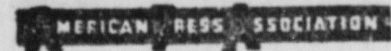
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EDITORIAL

The Japanese are not bellowing for a second front in the Far East.

Columbus did not discover America. He merely gave Europe some information about it.

The man who doesn't like hot weather can now get ready to dislike cold weather. It's coming.

Maybe what the Military General Staff needs is the expert advice of a few columnists and radio commentators.

Men at the front are entitled to the support of all those who are safe at home. Buying war bonds is a good way to support them.

Regardless of all the criticism you hear, the United States and Great Britain, under able leadership, are fighting an unusually intelligent war.

When the worries of life get you down, walk into a cemetery and look at the tombstones. Underneath them are human beings who once had worries.

The date of Thanksgiving in November, 1944, will be the fourth Thursday, November 23rd, and not the fifth Thursday, November 30th, according to an opinion from the Attorney-General's office.

ABOUT DRAFTING FATHERS

The drafting of fathers will be given early attention by Congressmen and, as near as we can guess, the boys who want the votes will wangle a way to keep most of the fathers home.

There is a demand, in some quarters, for the immediate drafting of 17-year-old boys in order to avoid taking any fathers. This merely illustrates the need for men in the services and that when one group is exempted another must carry the load.

We still think that there ought to be some way to use the nearly a million men who have been rejected because of illiteracy and that those who have been deferred on account of venereal diseases should be called up, cured and put in the service.

SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW

Of 22,000,000 men in the draft ages, between 18 and 37, 13,700,000 have been deferred from military service. This has a bearing upon the imminent necessity to draft some fathers.

While 8,500,000 men were taken into the armed services, 7,800,000 were deferred for reasons of dependents, 3,300,000 were physically unfit and 2,600,000 had essential jobs.

Of the unfit nearly a million were illiterate and about 400,000 suffered from venereal disease. Certainly, the diseased can be cured and the illiterates are able to serve in limited capacities.

Of the occupationally deferred, 1,000,000 had jobs in war industries, about 1,300,000 were engaged in farming and about 300,000 were in necessary civilian activity. Among the farmers deferred, nearly half have no dependents.

HOW THE WAR IS WON IN TOKYO

The Japanese radio recently celebrated the anniversary of the Solomon Island battle in which the Japanese "crushed the combined fleet of the United States and Britain with one blow."

Here is the record of Japanese broadcasts, as listed by the New York Times:

March 7, 1942: "The United States fleet is already non-existent."
May 12, 1942, after the Coral Sea battle: "The Pacific fleet is annihilated; America is reduced to a fourth-rate naval power."

Aug. 9, 1942, after the first battle of the Solomons: Boasted of the "wholesale destruction of the American fleet" and that the Anglo-American force had been "reduced to that of a third-rate naval power."

Oct. 29, 1942, while heavy fighting was going on in the Solomons: "Again the Japanese navy had proved its great superiority over the American navy, which must now be considered a second-rate power."

"BACK THE ATTACK"

We are now in the midst of the Third War Loan Drive, with the Government asking the people of the country to invest \$15,000,000,000 in the cause of freedom.

It might not be a bad idea, as the invasion of Europe begins and will continue with frightful hardships and loss of lives, to remind Americans on the home front how little they know of war. Those of us who stay at home, do not face the perils of enemy action, and our grumbling over minor inconveniences is often a source for amusement for our men at the front.

The only opportunity that a civilian has to help win the war is through the opportunity to assist in financing operations. These are of vital importance, both to the prosecution of the war and to the equilibrium of the economic front at home.

The civilian investor is not asked to give away his money. He is invited to make an investment which will be safe and pay him interest.

Every individual, man or woman, must determine the amount of bonds to be purchased. This is a problem to be solved only by the person affected. All that the Government asks of a loyal American is that he, or she, "Back the Attack" to the fullest extent possible.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:

I love a man and he says he loves me and wants me to marry him. He was in the battle in North Africa and got a leg injury, and thinks he might lose his leg. But that isn't what's bothering me.

I married a boy when I was sixteen and he didn't do right so we parted, and ever since I am afraid to believe in love. I'm afraid he doesn't love me, although he says he loves me better than any girl he ever went with.

I don't want to have another disappointment, so please give me your advice on what to do.

M. D.—N. C.

ANSWER:

Just because you had a bad experience with your first marriage is no reason to lose faith in all mankind. To begin with, you got married entirely too young, for no girl of sixteen has the judgment or sense at that age to take on the responsibility of marriage. She has two strikes against her as far as happiness is concerned when she takes the vows.

She resents having to settle down when she wishes to act gay and young and as a usual thing, the boy she marries is only a passing fancy for whom she would lose her taste if she had only postponed the ceremony for a year.

However, all of that is like water run over the dam, and there is nothing that can be done about it in your case. But don't let such a disillusioning experience ruin the rest of your life. There are plenty of fine, loyal decent men in the world, and if you are in love with one of these, be thankful and go on and get married. Don't expect the impossible. There are no perfect men or women in the world and both of you have faults that will show up after you are married. But by using a lot of trust and love there is no reason why you shouldn't be happy with this man you have written me about.

LOUISA

A reader from Virginia who is seventeen years old, says she is going with a boy a year younger than she. Her mother thinks he is too young for her.

Well, for a steady, I believe he is, but if you are just friends and have a good time going places together, I see no harm in dating him.

LOUISA

When and Where to Wear Slacks? It might be wise to wear them where there is machinery and for berry picking, but not on the street, or shopping, or picnics, or any gatherings. One woman made the remark, when seeing woman and girls on the street she thought that one had more sense than to dress like that. What Christian young man would like to be seen out walking with his best girl dressed in slacks and a cigarette in her mouth? So disgusting. In our good old revival days, did anyone ever see a Christian young girl dressed like we see so many now?

A minister was asked to help assist in a union chapter service. He was given the 22nd Chapter of Deuteronomy to read for the scripture lesson, the 5th verse. He felt the rebuke, for only a short time before he and his wife attended a Halloween Sunday school meeting. His wife dressed up like an old farmer and he dressed up like an old farmer's wife. Now wouldn't this verse of scripture be the best answer to this question: When and where not to wear slacks?

READER

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE FOUR FREEDOMS—ARE THERE NO MORE?

These four freedoms have been acclaimed, as if newly discovered, and as of the essence of Americanism. To what degree does this heralding favor of propaganda. Freedom of religion—a realization away back some hundred of years when this desire in Europe largely settled America. Freedom of speech—always so in the democracies, fundamental and axiomatic—we are not seeking these—we have them. The third—freedom from fear, and the fourth, freedom from want. Are these two not almost synonymous with the phrase—"necessity is the mother of invention?"

Our forefathers did not make America great, while lying on feathered pillows of down. Our sturdy Pilgrim forefathers did not fear starvation nor the Indians, but changed a continent of forest to that of plenty and abundance—and not by any precept or slogan of being taken care of by some one else from the cradle to the grave, but by appropriating to themselves a fifth freedom—the freedom of personal initiative of the freedom of being permitted to work a little harder and a little longer than the slacker neighbor who sought the shade trees in the forest when the sun was still in the middle of the heavens. Is it not this freedom—one of personal ambition and personal liberty of leading an active life without any restrictions or curtailment either by law or by picketing, the greatest freedom of all? This is the freedom that is in greater danger of being lost in the American way of life. The other four freedoms—analyze them, and what is there to them—more than fundamental axioms like that of freedom to live, or freedom to breathe the pure air and enjoy the Creator's sunshine? Does not the fifth freedom encompass the other so-called four freedoms?

W. H. LOSCH, Jersey Shore, Pa.

Intelligent people try to secure the facts on both sides of a question; ignoramuses just howl and shout.

Query & Answer Column

A. U. S.—What is the height of the tallest man in the United States?
Ans.—Two of the tallest men in the United States at present are Jack Earle of Ringling Brothers, who is 8 feet 6 1/2 inches tall, and Clifford Thompson, of Wisconsin, 8 feet 7 inches.

S. E.—Where did the peanut originate?
Ans.—The peanut is said to have originated in Brazil. It was known as far back as 990 B. C., and has been found in prehistoric graves in Peru. American Indians first cultivated peanuts for food.

J. H.—Who is the youngest general in the Army?
Ans.—The War Department says that Brig.-Gen. Dean C. Strothers of the Army Air Forces, who is now 35 years old, is the youngest officer of this rank in the Army at the present time.

S. D.—Why does the Constitution provide that revenue bills shall originate in the House of Representatives?
Ans.—This provision is an adaptation of the English practice. The principle involved is that the National purse-strings should be controlled by a body directly responsible to the people.

M. E. Y.—What passage of Scripture is said to be the most widely read?
Ans.—The 14th chapter of St. John, beginning, "Let not your heart be troubled" is often said to be the most thumbed passage in the New Testament.

E. C.—What were the most popular songs of 1942?
Ans.—White Christmas by Irving Berlin sold over a million copies. The White Cliffs of Dover and third, Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition.

H. T. E.—What animal other than man builds the largest structures?
Ans.—The termite, a small insect about a quarter of an inch in size. In tropical countries termites build nests which may be as much as 35 feet high.

J. B.—How many fathers have lived to see their sons President of the United States?
Ans.—Two fathers have lived to see their sons President; Dr. George T. Harding and John Coolidge.

T. H. B.—What is the source of our helium supply?
Ans.—The Bureau of Mines produces at its plant near Amarillo, Texas, virtually all of the world's output of this rare gas.

H. R. D.—To what extent has the per capita income increased since the beginning of the war?
Ans.—According to figures released by the Office of War Information, the average American's income has increased from \$47.92 in July 1940, when the defense program began, to \$85.03 in April of this year.

R. G.—What is the correct name of President Roosevelt's Scotty?
Ans.—Fala's registered name is Murray of Fala Hill. He was born on April 7, 1940.

T. E. H.—Are soldiers taught foreign languages before being sent abroad?
Ans.—Every soldier going overseas has a chance to learn the most useful phrases of the language of the country to which he is going. This is done by means of brief guides used in combination with phonograph records.

M. E. A.—How many Presidents of the United States were born in Pennsylvania?
Ans.—James Buchanan, the bachelor President, was the only one. The neighboring States of New York and Ohio furnished four and seven respectively.

B. P.—Is the plane known as the Invader a new plane?
Ans.—The fighter-bomber A-36, adapted from the Mustang P-51 was used in the invasion of Pantelleria.

K. L.—Has popcorn ever been known to pop or explode while still in the field?
Ans.—The Bureau of Plant Industry says that corn has been known to pop when still in the ear and on the plant. It is believed that some strains of corn show the tendency to pop in the ear as an inherent characteristic, and that in such cases extreme heat conditions are not required.

L. E. F.—What is the oath a soldier is required to take when he enlists?
Ans.—"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America; that I will support them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies whomsoever; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States; and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the Rules of Articles of War."

B. M.—Please explain the duties of a Headquarters Company.
Ans.—The War Department says that the Headquarters Company in an Infantry battalion handles most of the details of the regimental organization. It serves as a general office.

D. L. T.—What is the proportion of men needed on the ground for each one who flies?
Ans.—The ratio is about 15 to 1.

H. A. C.—What is the difference between a turtle and a tortoise?
Ans.—Land turtles are often called tortoises and the name is sometimes given to certain fresh-water turtles. Zoologically there is little difference between them, both belonging to the order Chelononia of the Reptiles.

F. S. A.—Do all reindeer have horns?
Ans.—Both male and female reindeer have horns. Those of the female are smaller, less sweeping and more simple.

C. I. K.—What men compose the crew of a Flying Fortress?
Ans.—The crew of a Flying Fortress is composed of a pilot, co-pilot, navigator, bombardier, radio man, tail gunner, belly gunner, turret gunner, two side gunners. In action the radio man and the bombardier may double as gunners.

J. R. P.—Are Japanese women accepted in the Women's Army Corps?
Ans.—A limited number of American-born women of Japanese descent will be accepted for enlistment as members of the Women's Army Corps.

H. B. R.—What proportion of the men rejected for military service were rejected because of illiteracy?
Ans.—Almost 1,000,000 men have been rejected for military service because of illiteracy. This is about one-third of those rejected for physical, educational and moral defects.

C. B. R.—How much on the average does a woman spend in beauty shops in a year?
Ans.—It is estimated that women between the ages of 20 and 64 spend an average of about \$11 a year in beauty shops.

B. A.—Who was Maria Mitchell and when did she live?
Ans.—Maria Mitchell was one of America's great woman scientists. She was an astronomer and discovered several comets. She was professor of astronomy at Vassar College. She was born on August 1, 1818.

L. B. A.—How fast does one fall in making a parachute jump?
Ans.—In a study of parachute jumpers from heights ranging from 8400 to 29,300 feet, it was found that in falling from maximum heights the body reaches a velocity of 171 miles per hour. Just before the parachute opens the body may reach a velocity of 229 miles per hour.

F. B.—Is the camel considered stupid?
Ans.—The camel is a very stupid beast and has never learned to do more than a few simple things. He seems to have no feeling of affection or recognition of his owner, is ill-tempered, stubborn and has very little sense.

N. I. S.—Can members of Congress be impeached?
Ans.—Members of Congress are not subject to impeachment; but each House can, with concurrence of two-thirds, expel a member. Members are subject to prosecution for treason, felony, or breach of the peace, the same as private citizens.

W. M. H.—Does Canada participate in lend-lease?
Ans.—Canada does not use lend-lease accommodations utilized by other United Nations.

P. J. M.—Is Gary, Ind., or Pittsburgh, the more important steel center?
Ans.—The American Iron and Steel Institute says Gary, Ind., far outranks the city of Pittsburgh as a steel producing center. Because of the fact that Pittsburgh is closely surrounded by a number of smaller municipalities, many of which have steel plants, the Pittsburgh district takes rank as the major steel-making district of the country.

S. E. W.—Please give the story of the painting The Angelus.
Ans.—There is no special story connected with the painting of The Angelus, by Jean Francois Millet. The canvas depicts a scene familiar to the artist, who was himself of the French peasant class. The angelus is a church bell which is rung in Catholic churches at 6 o'clock in the morning, noon, and at 6 o'clock at night.

A. D. F.—How did calico get its name and does it refer only to printed cloth?
Ans.—Calico takes its name from Calicut, a seaport of India. It was first given to white cotton cloth but now includes colored cotton cloth. At first calico printing was done by hand by means of wooden blocks but is now printed on great printing presses.

W. G. T.—Does Alaska produce any oil?
Ans.—There was a small production of oil in Alaska at one time but some years ago the refinery burned down and it never became economically desirable to rebuild it.

B. I. E.—Is the Destroyer Escort boat larger than the destroyers used in the first World War?
Ans.—The Destroyer Escort, about 300 feet in length with a 36-foot beam, is slightly smaller than the destroyers used in the first World War.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY

CARE OF THE WAR WOUNDED
Our friend Ernie Pyle has been sick (not very sick), so he has been telling us how they care for the wounded in our army.

In every division there are usually about 15,000 men. Nearly 1,000 of these are medical men. Three enlisted first aid men go with every company. On the battle field they give all the help they can. The litter-bearers convey the wounded back to the nearest battalion aid station. If possible, the injured are carried back at once, but at other times, circumstances make this impossible, and the first aid men cannot reach them. Sometimes the wounded have to lie for hours on the battle field before help reaches them.

When once the litter-bearers get the wounded off the battle field, the care is excellent. The battalion aid station is the first stop in his journey to the rear en route to a hospital. Do not imagine that this aid station is a tent equipped with all necessary instruments for all kinds of surgery. By no means.

This aid station is anywhere under the sky where the battalion surgeon and his assistant have found it most convenient for the stretcher-bearers to bring the wounded. It is equipped with a surgeon's medical chest. There is a staff of two doctors and 36 enlisted men. They are so near the battle field that they are usually under fire.

As soon as a wounded man is brought to the station, he is treated according to the gravity of his wounds. Morphine and blood plasma are administered to enable him to stand the trip back to the hospital, where they are prepared for all types of surgical work. Temporary splints are applied to injured arms and legs but if the abdomen is ripped open, that must be operated upon to save his life.

From this first aid station, the wounded are sent by ambulance, truck, or any other available conveyance father back to a collecting station where there are some tents, staffed by five doctors and 100 enlisted men. Here they give the sufferers more morphine and do necessary operations. From hence they are transferred by ambulance to a clearing station.

These medical units move with the division to which they are attached, and are always ready for service to the wounded wherever they are fighting.

The first hospitals are 40 miles or more back of the fighting. They belong to no division, but take men from them all. The farther back you go the larger they become and when it is possible, after all necessary aid has been given to the wounded (as in Sicily), they are taken from the land hospitals and evacuated into hospital ships.

From Sicily, they are sent to splendidly equipped hospitals in Africa.

Pyle was sent to a clearing station which consisted of five doctors, one dentist, one chaplain and 60 enlisted men. It was contained in six large tents and had an x-ray room. The mess was outdoors under a tree and the personnel all slept outdoors.

(To be continued)

CABBAGE COOKED IN MILK IS HIGH IN FOOD VALUE

Cabbage is a favorite vegetable with many families, but it's likely to appear after dinner as just plain boiled cabbage.

To avoid monotony and keep up the family's interest in this versatile vegetable, prepare it in a variety of ways, suggests Miss Helen S. Butler, home economics extension representative of Centre county.

When you cook cabbage, cook it quickly in an uncovered kettle. This leaves the cabbage crisp and there's no disagreeable odor to penetrate the house. Five-minute cabbage is tops in food value because it's cooked in milk. To each 4 cups of shredded cabbage, add 2 cups of milk. Cook until tender, four to five minutes, season with salt, pepper and butter.

Serve the milk with the cabbage. Cabbage is an excellent meal stretcher. Cook shredded cabbage in lightly salted boiling water until tender. Prepare 2 cups of white sauce and add to it a half cup of grated cheese. Stir until cheese is melted. Put the cooked cabbage in a greased casserole, pour the cheese sauce over it, sprinkle with buttered bread or cracker crumbs, and bake until the cabbage is heated through and the crumbs are brown. For more color and flavor, substitute cooked carrots for the cabbage.

To get the highest food value from cabbage, serve it raw. Instead of the traditional slaw, you might make what is known as "Yankee Slaw." To do this, beat 2 eggs until light, add 1/4 cup water, 2 tablespoons sugar, 1/2 teaspoon mustard, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/4 cup vinegar, and 2 tablespoons butter. Cook until the mixture thickens. Pour this hot dressing over shredded cabbage and serve at once. For a different flavor, 1 cup chopped celery, 1 cup shredded carrots, or 1 cup thinly sliced apple may be added to the shredded cabbage.

Mold in Bookcases

The books in the bookcases can be prevented from becoming moldy if a few drops of oil of lavender are sprinkled on the shelves. If the leather bindings of some of the books have accumulated mold, rub them with a cloth slightly moistened with ammonia.

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SWAN SONG
(In Reverse)
I've used up all my ration points—
And now have naught to eat;
I bought my shoes with my last stamp
And now am near bare feet.

My gas stamp book is empty—
My tires are all blown out;
My sugar and my coffee's gone,
As we say, "Up the spout."

The railroads say "stay home,"
Telephones say "don't talk."
The health faddists haste to say
"It is the best to walk."

We ride buses standing up,
We wear shoes without taps,
The laundries fail to wash our clothes,
And all yell "Damn the Japs."

We mustn't do this; we must do that—
Whatever we do is wrong;
"Sign up this blank"—"give \$5m your cash"
This goes on all day long.

And so it all so hopeless seems
That death would be but fun—
But hell! My ammunition's gone,
And I haven't any gun.

Just Between Cousins
County Cork, Ireland, August 6, 1943.

Dear Cousin:
Your welcome letter received and we and your Aunt Bridget thank you kindly for the money you sent. We had seven masses said for your grandfather and grandmother. God rest their souls.

You have gone high places in America. I hope you'll not be putting on airs and forgetting your native land.

Your cousin, Hughie O'Toole, was hung in Londonderry last week for killing a policeman. May God rest his soul, and may the curies be on Jimmy Rogers, the informer, and may he burn in hell. Heaven forgive me.

We had a grand time at Pat Muldoon's wake. He was an old blather-skite, and it looked good to see him stretched out with his big mouth closed. He's better off and he'll burn till the damned place freezes over. He had too many friends among the Brits.

Bless your heart, I almost forgot to tell you about your Uncle Dinny. He took a pot-shot at a policeman from in back of a hedge, but he had too much of the drink in him and missed. Curses on the dirty drink.

I hope this letter finds you in good health and may God keep reminding you to keep sending the money.

The Brennan's are 100 per cent strong around here since they stopped going to America. They have kids running all over the County.

Father O'Flaherty, who baptized you, is now feeble-minded and sends you his blessing.

Mollie O'Brien, the brat you used to go to school with, has married an Englishman. She'll have no luck.

May God take care of the lot of you and keep you from sudden death. Your devoted cousin, TIMOTHY.

P. S. Things look bright again. Every police barracks has been burned to the ground, in County Cork. Thanks be to Heaven.

P. S. Keep sending the money.

Not His Turn
A colored preacher at the close of his sermon, discovered one of his deacons asleep. He said: "We will now have a few minutes of prayer. Deacon Brown will lead."

"Lead?" queried Deacon Brown, awakening suddenly. "I just deaft."

Rah For Hurrah
There was a large gathering of the town's citizens and a well known feminist was holding forth on feminine progress to a group composed mostly of women.

"Today we have women judges fully as good as the men judges on the bench," she said.

Drunk in the back of the room: "Rah for the wimmen."

"Nowadays we have women doctors equal to the very best men doctors."

Drunk: "Rah for the wimmen."

"In modern times women have equalled or surpassed men in all known fields of endeavor. In fact there is very little difference between them."

Drunk: "Thank God for the little difference."

We're Warning Ye
A new cough medicine is now on the market, called Laxalax: "Six tablets and you don't dare cough."

So That's Why
Dogs in Siberia are the fastest in the world because the trees are so far apart.

An Old Saying
Mr. and Mrs. Wong, a Chinese couple, had a baby—which turned out to be white. They couldn't understand it, but little Audrey laughed and laughed and laughed, and then lisped: "Two Wongs couldn't make a white."

What He Wanted
A preacher dialed long distance in order to call a clergyman friend of his in a distant town.

"Do you wish to place a station to station call?" asked the operator. "No," came the answer, "parson to parson, please."

Fast Work
"Good morning, Reverend. I haven't seen you lately."
"No, Captain. I've been busy. Only this morning I married three couples in fifteen minutes."

"Fast work, Reverend. That's twelve knots an hour."

Elmer Knew It
Teacher—"Now, can anyone give me a sentence using the word 'diadem'?"
Elmer—"People who drive carelessly diadem quicker than those who stop, look and listen."

Smoke Talk
Said the bartender to the cigarette, "You're lit."
Said the cigarette to the bartender: "Put me out before I make an ash of myself."

Needn't Hold Back
A young married woman wanted her maid to be pleased with her position. "You'll have a very easy time of it here," she explained sweetly, "because we have no children to annoy you."

"Oh," said the colored girl generously, "I've